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1. In March 1952 about 20 Soviet geological experts and Chinese geologists were in Hunan in order to survey the areas of Ch'angte (N 29-02, E 111-32), Ninghsiang (N 28-18, E 112-32), Shuik'oushan (N 26-28, E 112-34), Hsinhua (N 27-44, E 111-23), and Hungchiang (N 27-10, E 109-58). The geologists collected seven boxes of sample minerals which on the afternoon of 20 September 1952 were shipped through Yushyang (N 29-28, E 113-12), destined for Hankow.

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2. Effective 1 January 1953 the Committee of Finance and Economics of the Chinese Communist Government Administrative Council, in order to open new mines as a part of an intensive basic construction program, planned to provide for the private operation under government control of the following types of mines: coal, iron, tungsten, zinc, antimony, and manganese. Firms involved in these six types of mining were to be permitted to decide questions of capital, equipment, personnel, and plant site. The government was to provide support and administrative supervision.

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